

REMARKS

Claims 1-85 are pending. Applicants are in receipt of a non-compliant amendment Office Action dated March 16, 2006. The Action is directed to an amendment filed on March 7, 2006 in response to a restriction requirement. A supplemental response to the restriction requirement was filed on March 8, and is believed also non-compliant. This paper corrects the non-compliance of both amendments wherein certain of the claims are missing the status identifiers, claims 61, 68, 71, 74 and 83. The status identifier for these claims is inserted and the objection to these claims is believed met and should be withdrawn. Please note that the status identifiers for claims 61, 68, 71, 73, 74 and 83 were missing and has been corrected for both amendments filed on March 7, 2006 and March 8, 2006. This amendment replaces the amendment filed on March 8, 2006.

The claims are subject to restriction as follows:

Group I Claims 1-70 and 74-85 drawn to an apparatus

Group II Claims 71-73 drawn to a method.

This paper is supplemental to the response to the Action filed on March 7, 2006. Applicants' undersigned attorney in reviewing the response discovered that certain further claims in the list of claims and corresponding figures was incomplete in that additional figures were associated with those further claims. Such claims include claims 43, 45-47, 55, 74-79, 83 and 84. A comparison of the below list of claims and corresponding figures will reveal the changes made in this paper as compared to the paper filed on March 7, 2006. The new figures and claims as applicable, are noted in bold as compared to the list in applicants' prior filed paper. The Examiner will appreciate that due to the numerous figures and claims the task of corresponding the various claims to the various figures is complex. Applicants regret any inconvenience to the Examiner in this regard.

The minor amendments made to certain of the claims are shown herein in the interest of clarity and consistency. Approval of the amendment and of this paper is respectfully requested.

As noted in the prior paper the claims are further restricted to the species and subspecies as defined in the Action.

Applicants elected the claims of Group I and the species, item 16, Figure 76d and the subspecies item 28, which also is Figure 76d. Applicants are required to list all claims readable on these species. The species of Fig. 76d is also shown in Figs. 76e, 76f, 76g and 76 h.

Claims 19, 20, 23, 25, 27, 31, 33-39, 41-43, 45, 68-69, 74-77 and 80-84 read on the elected figures or on figures on which certain of these claims read.

Claim 19 is generic to others of the figures as follows:

Claim 19 reads on figures 1-6, 24-44, 45a-45c, 66-79, 76a, 76i, 76k, 76j, 76l, 76m-76q, and 80-104.

Should claim 19 be found allowable, then the following claims read on certain of the above figures upon which claim 19 also reads. These following claims should also be included as generic with the elected claims for these reasons, since claim 19 and its associated figures are generic to the following claims and figures.

| Claims | Figures | (on which certain of which certain of the above claims read) |
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| 8 | 7-23, 7a-7d | Claim 8 is included because claim 19 reads also on figs. 20 and 23 on which claim 8 also reads. The following claims read on certain of the figures on which claim 19 also reads or so on. |
| 9 | 12-15, 21-23, 66-79, 76a | |
| 10 | 12-15, 21-23 | |
| 11 | 12-15, 21-23 | |
| 14 | 7-20, 7a-7d | |
| 15 | 16-20 | |
| 16 | 21a, 21d | |
| 17 | 16-20 | |
| 18 | 21b | |
| 20 | 4, 66-70, 76i-76q | |
| 21 | 24-36 | |
| 22 | 34-44, 66-70, 76-79, 76i-76q | |
| 23 | 29-44, 66-70, 76-79, 76a, 76i-76q | |

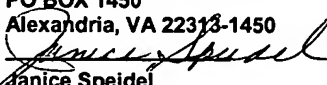
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| 24 | 37-44, 76k |
| 25 | 76i-76q, 29-44, 66-70, 76-79 |
| 26 | 4, 21, 21a, 22-23 |
| 27 | 4 |
| 32 | 1-6, 76i-76q |
| 33 | 4-6, 76i-76q |
| 35 | 4-6, 76i-76q |
| 39 | 4-6, 12-15 |
| 36-37 | 76i-76q |
| 39 | 66-70, 76-79, 76i-76q, 76a, 80-100 |
| 40 | 76-79, 84-91 |
| 41 | 4-6, 12-15, 76i-76q, 66-70, 76-104 |
| 42 | 76i-76q, 76-104 |
| 43 | 4-6, 76i-76q, 66-70, 76-79, 80-104 |
| 44 | 76i-76q |
| 45 | 4-6, 76i-76q, 66-70, 76-79, 96-100 |
| 46 | 66-70, 76a-76c, 96-100 |
| 47 | 76j, 96-100 |
| 48 | 76, 76k |
| 49 | 76a-76c, 76m-76q |
| 50 | 76a-76c, 76m-76q |
| 51 | 76m-76q |
| 52 | 76m-76q |
| 53 | 76j |
| 54 | 76k, 76l |
| 55 | 80-91 |
| 68 | 76i to 76q |
| 68-70 | 66-70 |
| 74-77 | 76d-76l, 80 -104 |
| 78 | 80-104 |
| 79 | 84-91 |

83 1-6, 12-15, 76d-76l, **80-104**
84 **80-104**
85 76i-76p

The above noted claims read on the elected figures or on figures on which certain of the above claims read so that all of these corresponding figures should be considered as well as their corresponding claims. That is, certain claims have been identified that read on the elected species figures, such as claim 19. Then those claims were reviewed with all of the non-elected figures and all such non-elected figures have been identified upon which these claims read.

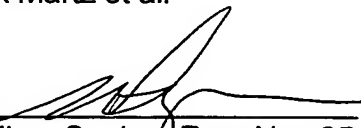
Once such non-elected figures have been identified, all of the other claims were reviewed again to see which of these other claims read on the further identified non-elected figures and such claims were noted. These noted additional claims were once again reviewed to identify further non-elected figures on which such claims read. Then all of the claims were again reviewed in the context of these further non-elected figures and further noted. This process was repeated until all claims and all figures could be identified that are associated with the elected figures. Thus all of the claims listed above and the corresponding figures are tied together to common generic claims and to the elected figures. For these reasons the restriction as to the above listed claims should be withdrawn as belonging to generic claims reading on the elected species.

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